The Middle School Good Times

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STUDENT COUNCILORS

Student Council will begin the selection of officers. Delegates elected from each home room will nominate and elect officers from candidates who are already student council members.

Another change for this year, the council will be meeting after school every other week. In previous years the council met during the school day. The new meeting time will mean that students will not need to miss any class time to be members.

This year's representatives include the following people: 6th graders Stefan Tokarchick, Jeff Gruizenga, Richard Waite, Ken McMullen, Scott VanderWall and Chad Worden, also, Suzy Triquest, Todd Hess, Kathy Barnes, Tammy Sebright, Sheri Kent.

7th graders are Jim Biship, Eric Smith, Lisa Smith, Keith Henson, Sherry Ghastin, Kathy Brennan, Chris Kniss, Tina Bennett, Kelly Longshore, Tim DePierre, Mike Burke, and LeShun Terry.

8th graders are Julie Kemo, Todd Guizio, Kim Kirshman, Gina Rigozzi, Linda Rozenbergs, Tammy Frank, Rob Knight, Michelle Dokey, Kele Maxwell, Karen Buck, Kelly Goodwin, Susan Diljak, Michelle Serbenski, and Paul Imus.

Student council has the responsibility for organizing any social activities that take place at the middle school. Each delegate should bring a report of council activities back to his/her homeroom. That way the council itself will be as representative of the whole school's views as possible.

Thought for the day: Never put off til tomorrow yesterday's homework.

The play "The Ugly Duckling" will be presented October 29 in an all-school assembly.

The cast for the play was selected last May and they have been working all summer to learn the lines. The cast includes Tim Fall, Shawn McAndrew, Heidi Smith, Anne Moore, Jody Sowles, Mary Rumsey, and Claudia Willsea.

Understudies include Jenny Waite and Sonja Frattalone who, along with Rhonda Silcott, Susan Campbell, and Laura Howe will also be ladies in waiting. Erin Thompson and Cheryl Zentmeyer will play court jesters.

The play, a comedy about a royal family who cannot find a suitor for their supposedly plain princess, has a sur-

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basketball rosters

8th grade basketball team includes the following people: Renee Counterman, Shelly Blackston, Cheryl Rieck, Renee Goens, Brandy Dunn, Gina Rigozzi, Kelly Goodwin, Lisa Rice, Linda Rozenbergs, Michelle Serbenski, Anita Capone, Julie Kemp, Amy Lossie, and Carloyn Wilson. Their coach is Mr. Ruesink.

Coached by Mr. Crook, the seventh grade basketball tema includes Julie Gilbert, Kim Wiley, Amy Albar, Kelly Russell, Kathy Brennan, Sheri Ghastin, Kelly Longshore, Kris Forbes, Ann Goodyear, Laura Moore, Erin McCoy, Becky Hansen, Becky Stackhouse, Renata Hartman, Laura Howe, Violet Bennett, Angie Pollack, Kris Hindenach, Missy Worden, and Peggie Bradford.

Good luck to all of you. Have a winning season!

BAND ON NEW NOTE

The band this year has made a few changes. Members will have to play 30 minutes every night after school. I like the new band because you can't

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This is the first issue of the Good Times for 1980-81's school year. It is also the last one to be published by an all-school after-school staff. Look for a Christmas issue which will be the combined efforts of the 8th grade English classes, with a bit of outside help from the 6th and 7th graders currently on the staff. Beyond that, any other issues will be class projects if they are in fact published. We regret very much that this had to happen to the seven-year-old publication. Gone now is one of the only after-school extra activities that isn't a sports event. We thank you for your support through the years.

the staff

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Polling the middle school student body, our reporters discovered some mixed reactions to the new schedule of classes. In the plus column, many found that the students preferred shorter hours, the possibility of having nine classes rather than six, and some liked having a study hall. Eighth graders were pleased that lunch wasn't as late as it had been for last year's eighth grade. Many felt that there was less sharing of lockers this year.

In the minus column, however, most were displeased with the three minutes between classes, especially after lunch. Staying for five classes with the same group of people was also a complaint of many students. Many sixth graders disliked having locker partners. Keeping track of the odd and even days was also a problem of several people. A few complained that they weren't too sure what I.A. was...and suggested calling it shop!

Be different this Halloween. Carve a zucchini!

Here are some comments from students interviewed about the schedule. Richard Baughman says,"I think it's dumb. You're with the same people all day." Craig Curtis remarked, " I think that three minutes between classes isn't enough. We should at least have four minutes." Brett Ogden said," I think it was a big mistake because you get mixed up with the odd and even days." Jim Jackson believes," it's dumb. You only have three minutes between classes so you're always late." Lisa Thomas said," I hate the fact that we only have three minutes between classes and as far as the schedule goes, it's stupid." Stephanie Stanis stated," You never get to see hardly any of your friends. You don't have time to run down to your locker after every class so you have to lug your books around. Last year was better." Sharol Golisek says ,"I like the school, the teachers, and the hot lunch." Mark Nash wishes "we had more shorter hours for more classes." Sheri Kent said," I don't like having gym and band on the same day because it's too much stuff to carry to and from school. Three minutes isn't enough time to get from class to class." Bob Yack says." I like the middle school so far except that I don't think they give you enough time in between classes." Chris Lossie said, "I hate school."

Back at the middle school this fall is Mrs. Smith who teaches seventh grade English. She told our reporter she's glad to "be back or I wouldn't be here." When asked how she felt about the new schedule, she said,"I like the shorter hours but the shorter breaks seem to be causing trouble. I think the kids can make it if they try."

Did you know you only have 78 shopping days until Christmas?

More comments on the schedule on page 5.

talk in band except when you raise your hand. So it is quiet when you play your instrument. It is more fun in band because you can learn more in the class now.

by D. M.

DEAR SAM,

Dear Samantha,

Can they change the time in between class? That way we can have four minutes so we can get to class on time. The 8th grade is pushing me back and I might get tardy.

worried 6th grader

Dear worried,

I'm sorry that I can't help you. See, last year they set up this schedule. If they changed it now, everything would be all goofed up. Sorry for the bad news. Just push your way through the 8th graders. But don't be mean.

Dear Samantha,

I have twenty girl friends. The girls won't leave me alone. What can I do?

Sincerely worn out

Dear Worn,

Well, you must be pretty popular to have all those girls hanging all over you. Just pick one of them and be friends with the other 19. Good luck.

Dear Sam,

My brothers are pestering me all the time. Do you think they're jealous? If I start to pester them back, I get in trouble. They also go into my room all the time and never get in trouble -yelled at maybe- but not in trouble. Help!

troubled sister

Dear TRoubled,

Can you talk to your mom or dad at all about the boys respecting your right to privacy? Perhaps if you could solve that part of the problem, it would be a help. If you can't talk to them, try talking to the boys themselves. Talk to them as though they were your own age. Explain why it bugs you when they go into your room. Perhaps you can make them see your side by talking rather by reacting angrily as you may be doing now.

Also, yes, you may be right. They may be jealous. You talk as though they were younger brothers. They may feel you get more attention for being the older sister, or that you have more privileges than they do. If they are older than you, maybe they're envying the attention a little sister may get. Talk to them and see.

Dear Sam,

I like this boy and he likes me. He asked me to go out with him, but I said I'm not sure. He's kind of the foolish type. But when it comes to school, he WORKS. What shall I do?

bothered girl

Dear Bothered,

I'd say you answered your own question in the first line. You like him. If you do, why not give it a chance? You can always decide at any time that you'd rather be home and then don't go out with him again.

Dear Sam,

I have this big problem. When I was in fifth grade, I had a bunch of girls that liked me and when I got to 6th grade I went to a different school and now I'm in sixth grade and none of those girls like me now.

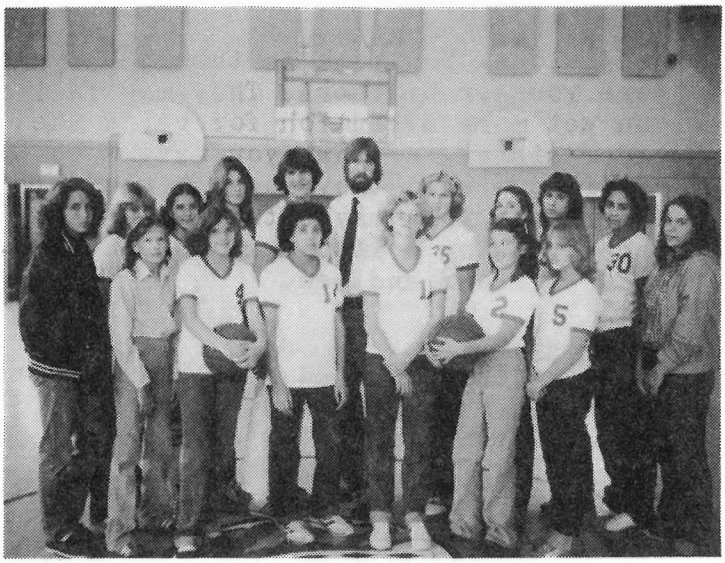
6th grader

Dear 6th,

I didn't understand the question but here's my answer. Talk to them about it. Ask them why they don't like you. Try to work things out. If that doesn't work, go to the school counselor and talk to him.

Sam.

Confidential to Worried Sick:
You've got a big problem. First you need to get more facts. Then you need to think carefully about it. Your problem is, I'm sad to say, too big for discussion here. I would say talk to a teacher you feel close to, if you can't bring yourself to talk to your parents. Talk to Mr. Pefley or to your minister. Talk to someone in person. soon. Don't keep it inside. Hope things will work out for you.



8th gr. Athletes

prising turn of events.

Tim Fall is the king, Anne Moore is queen, Heidi Smith, princess, Claudia Willsea, chancellor, Jody Sowles, prince, Shawn McAndrew, Carlo, and Mary Rumsey, Dulcibella.

Other understudies include Dan Stamp and Kara Lucas. Susan Campbell is also the prompter. Rhonda Silcott is stage manager.

Mrs. Matson will be working these next two weeks with the stage crew getting props, set, and costumes ready. Mr. Dyer will help set up the lighting and sound. Ms. Swanson would like to thank them and the cast for their time and effort.

7th gr. Cagers

I.G.S.? HUH?

I.G.S. ? What is it? It's getting called study hall more often than not. It means independent group study. Not every one has one every day. Pictured here are several sixth graders in Mr. Lutz' I.G.S.

comments continue...

Schedule comments continue. LuAnn Haskins said," I think it stinks. You get stuck with the same people all day." Sara Hoffman said, "three minutes are too short between classes. You don't have time to go toe bathroom." Tammy Ruiter said," it's better than last year because it's easy to get to your classes if you arein 8th grade because they're mostly all upstairs near your locker." Jenny Triquet said," Three minutes isn't enough. When you'rein school, you look forward to seeing your friends. In the new schedule you don't see any of your friends." Debby McEndarfer said, "you can hardly get to classes on time. You cn't get drinks any more."

Jeff Montgomery said," I don't think there's enough time. I don't like sharing my locker." Sarah Fergeson said," The schedule is okay except for the three minutes in between classes. For example, I have gym right before band so I have to run to my locker, which is by Mr. Crook's room, run to the gym, then after gym, I have to run to my lcoker,and then run to band." Susie Dziewicki felt that she liked the school and everything but, said Suzie," the three minutes is too short. Sometimes people can't make it to their class. The six graders should have home ec. and shop. I wish everyone could have their own locker." Tina Adkins said," we should have more time between classes because I hardly have enough time to go to the restroom and get my books. But then again I wouldn't want the study hall to go. Anyway we should have shop nad all those specials like last year. But I guess the schedule's ok. "

Welcome Back, Mr. Zolp

Mr. Zolp returns to the middle school also this year. He has taught for the last two years at Cedar Street in the fifth grade. This year he is teaching 7th and 8th grade math. One reason he came to the middle school was to have more time to teach tennis. Unfortunately that was dropped. Mr. Zopl lives in Lawton with his wife Terri. He likes to bowl, to dance, to roller skate, and to play tennis and teach math.

a.k.

Life of a Locker

A locker's life is tough.
It really is quite rough,
The way the people yell at me,
The way they all kick at me,
"why don't you open up?"

One day while I was sleeping,
A boy once came a-creeping,
Then he ripped off my handle;
He must be a vandal.
But he didn't know the principal
was peeping!

c.t.

ABOUT BUSES

I hate school buses. Don't ask me why- there's just something about them that doesn't turn me on. It could be the fact that for some reason they always stop in the biggest (they couldn't settle for the smaller ones) mud puddles and splash mud all over you. Nice. I can go to school looking like a pig. Another thing about the way they stop- almost always the door is lined up perfectly with you. There's something really creepy about that! Then there's the bus driver. She gives me the same smile every day- kind of boring. And it's the same every day.

r.h.

Want Ads?

For sale: my brother, Q.A., cheap. 10¢ with clothes and his bed; also some money.

Wanted: a boy friend for the Halloween dance and some cash.

Needed: a boyfriend who treats me like a lady, not a baby.

For Sale: my gym teacher (50¢)
my study hall teacher($1.50)
my math &English teacher($2.00)
my brother T.A.- free.
(a fifth grader, 10½, 4' 4")

For sale: one used school lunch, hardly touched- enquire any noon hour, 1st table from the door.

Sixth Grade Views M.School

Our roving sixth grade reporter, Tina Adkins, gathered the comments you will read below. Starting sixth grade can be a really novel experience. Here are some viewpoints.

"My point of view of being a sixth grader is some good and some bad. I think there should be more time between classes and I also think there are some nicer teachers than some I had in elementary."

Dianna McMunn

"I think as a sixth grader it is confusing, easy, and hard, having to be the youngest kids in the school. I think it's nice being in an older school for once. It was quite a change at first having to change classes and have lockers and have gym and band on odd days and art and study hall on even days. But I think I'll get used to it all."

Janet Wickett

"I think sixth grade is fun. Sixth grade is better than Black River. I like school a lot, especially gym."

Jacqueline Carlsen

"Sixth grade is all right, not much time between classes and not much time for showers at gym. It's a rush in the halls between classes. Most teachers are nice."

Billy Lula

"I like being with the older kids on the bus and school. I like being with the Black River students. I like changing classes so you get a chance to talk with your friends, but I dislike having so little time. I dislike being with the same people every hour. I dislike the school lunch and that right after you get done eating you have to go outside. But I like being able to choose what kind of milk you want. I like having lockers, but I dislike having locker partner. But that's life!"

Tina Adkins

Tear Here

Readers' Poll - Please take some time and answer the questions. Give to any staffer or to Ms. Swanson or leave in her mailbox.

Do you like reading the Good Times?

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ Sometimes

Do you think 15¢ is a fair price?

☐ Yes ☐ no

What grade are you in?

☐ 8th ☐ 7th ☐ 6th

Please add any suggestions you have for future issues. Use the back of this.

CARE TO DINE?

Lunch hour laughs.... There are many who find lunch itself a laugh. Chris Twardowski and Ken Goodwin are two who do! They created the make believe lunch menus below. Take them with a grain of salt. (Anything will help!)

Monday- chilled crackers and cold slop. Coffee mate. Leeches.

Tuesday- hot dogsleds, french flies, bees, peanute butter cooks

Wednesday- Snuff and such chicken classes, green eggs and ham, cinnamon holes

Thursday-sloppy joe(singular), shoelaces, old black-eyed peas, o.j. simpson

Friday- Iceburgs, ill pickles, cold slaw (real cold), one pear half

Looking ahead to the lunches of the following week is a task for those with more stomach than we have. We will give you just a few of the possible delicacies: sea urchin burgers with taco sauce, fishwitches (complete with broom), and tiny tots- or is it tater tots? You'll just have to wait and see. Makes your mouth water just thinking about it.

Bonus - Free Space for Note writing... Doodling... Creative thinking—